GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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INCREASING STRENGTH OF JUDGES IN HIGH COURTS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a triennial review of the strength of judges in High Courts has been completed;

(b) if so, whether a final decision in appointing the judges as per review has been taken; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) As a result of a triennial review in the year 2006, 106 posts of Judges, subject to concurrence of the respective State Governments, had been approved in various High Courts as per details given below:

(i) Allahabad 65 Judges
(ii) Andhra Pradesh 27 Judges
(iii) Calcutta 08 Judges
(iv) Delhi 01 Judge
(v) Karnataka 01 Judge
(vi) Kerala 01 Judge
(vii) Punjab & Haryana and 02 Judges
(viii) Madhya Pradesh 01 Judge

On the acceptance of the recommendation from the State Governments, 65 posts of Judges in the Allahabad High Court, 1 post in Karnataka and 1 post in Madhya Pradesh have already been created.

After the Supreme Court Judgment of October 6, 1993 in the Supreme Court Advocates-on- Record & Anr. Vs. Union of India, read with the Advisory Opinion of October 28, 1998, the entire process of initiation of proposal for appointment of a Judge of a High Court lies with the Chief Justice of that High Court.